



# BIOGRAPHY

*UNITED STATES AIR FORCE*

## COLONEL JOEL 'SCOTT' REESE



Colonel Reese is vice commander of the 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND. The wing is responsible for providing KC-135R aircraft, crews and associated combat support for global engagement taskings, worldwide mobility operations including air refueling, airlift, and medevac, and supporting a wide range of conventional and nuclear plans.

Colonel Reese was commissioned in 1983 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is a command pilot with more than 3,700 flight hours in the T-37, T-38, KC-135A/Q/R/T, and EC-135N.

His staff experience includes Chief KC-135 MAJCOM Stan/Eval Pilot and Director Air Mobility Operations Inspections in Air Mobility Command, as well as Air

Operations and Plans Staff Officer of Allied Forces Northwestern Europe, NATO. He has commanded an operational flying squadron and was deputy commander of an operations group.

Colonel Reese is a distinguished graduate from Squadron Officer School, College of Naval Command and Staff, and KC-135 aircraft commander school; and he was an Air Mobility Command nominee for the Lance P. Sijan Award.

## **EDUCATION:**

1983 - Bachelor of Science, General Studies, Louisiana State University

1991 - Squadron Officer School (Correspondence/Residence)

1993 - Master of Science, Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

1997 - Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College (Residence)

1997 - Joint and Combined Staff Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College

2004 - Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College (Correspondence/Residence)

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. November 1983 - November 1984, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, OK
2. June 1985 - October 1987, KC-135R copilot, 91st Refueling Squadron, McConnell AFB, KS
3. January 1988 - January 1991, KC-135A/Q aircraft commander, Training Flight Instructor Pilot and Senior Stan/Eval Pilot, 909th Refueling Squadron and 376th Strategic Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
4. April 1991 - June 1994, KC-135 AIR Combat Crew Training School (CCTS) instructor pilot, Combat Flight Instructor Course (CFIC) instructor pilot, Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, 93rd Refueling Squadron and 330th Flying Training Squadron, Castle AFB, CA
5. June 1994 - June 1996, Chief KC-135 MAJCOM Stan/Eval Pilot, then Director Air Mobility

- Operations Inspections, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL
6. July 1996 - June 1997, student, College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, RI
  7. September 1997 - January 2000, Staff Officer, Air Operations and Plans, Headquarters Allied Forces Northwestern Europe, NATO, RAF High Wycombe, UK
  8. June 2000 - December 2001, Commander, 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, GA
  9. January 2002 - July 2003, Deputy Commander, 6th Operations Group, MacDill AFB, FL
  10. July 2003 - June 2004, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
  11. July 2004 - Present, Vice Commander, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, ND

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,700

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135R/A/Q/T, EC-135N

## **DECORATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	16 August 1983
First Lieutenant	16 August 1985
Captain	16 August 1987
Major	1 August 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	1 January 2000
Colonel	1 July 2004

(Current as of March 2005)